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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

9 CARTER JESNESS,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 GREGORY LYLE BRIDGES,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. C18-1225 RSM

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF  
JESNESS' MOTION FOR  
PARTIAL SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT

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15 **I. INTRODUCTION**

16 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Carter Jesness' Motion for Partial  
17 Summary Judgment against Defendant Gregory Lyle Bridges on claim of violation of 18 U.S.C.  
18 2255(a). Dkt. #29. Defendant provided no response. Having reviewed Plaintiff's motion and  
19 all documents submitted in support thereof, the Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion for Partial  
20 Summary Judgment.

21 **II. BACKGROUND**

22 Plaintiff Jesness at all material times was a minor and resided in Boulder, Colorado. Dkt.  
23 #1 at 1. Defendant Bridges at all material times resided in Seattle, Washington. *Id.* According  
24 to Jesness' Complaint, on or about April 26, 2013, Bridges traveled from Seattle to Colorado for

1 the purposes of engaging in, and did engage in, illicit sexual conduct with Jesness. *Id.* 2. Bridges’  
2 Answer admits to subsequently being charged with two counts of Travel with Intent to Engage in  
3 a Sexual Act with a minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2423(b). Dkt. #17 at 2. Bridges admitted  
4 to entering pleas of guilty to those charges. *Id.*

5 Jesness alleges Bridges is liable for the damages caused by the commission of the crimes  
6 against him. Dkt. #1 at 3. Jesness seeks damages for pain and suffering, lost earnings, lost earning  
7 capacity, reasonable medical expenses, loss of enjoyment of life, costs of litigation, and  
8 reasonable attorney fees. *Id.* at 3-4.

## 9 DISCUSSION

### 10 A. Legal Standard

11 Summary judgement is appropriate where “the movant shows that there is no genuine  
12 dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.” Fed.  
13 R. Civ. P. 56(a); *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 247, 106 S. Ct. 2505, 91 L.Ed.  
14 2d 202 (1986). Material facts are those which might affect the outcome of the suit under  
15 governing law. *Anderson*, 477 U.S. at 248. In ruling on summary judgment, a court does not  
16 weigh evidence to determine the truth of the matter, but “only determine[s] whether there is a  
17 genuine issue for trial.” *Crane v. Conoco, Inc.*, 41 F.3d 547, 549 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994) (citing *Federal*  
18 *Deposit Ins. Corp. v. O’Melveny & Meyers*, 969 F.2d 744, 747 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992)).

19 On a motion for summary judgment, the court views the evidence and draws inferences  
20 in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. *Anderson*, 477 U.S. at 255; *Sullivan v. U.S.*  
21 *Dep’t of the Navy*, 365 F.3d 827, 832 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004). The Court must draw all reasonable  
22 inferences in favor of the non-moving party. *See O’Melveny & Meyers*, 969 F.2d at 747, *rev’d*  
23 *on other grounds*, 512 U.S. 79, 114 S. Ct. 2048, 129 L. Ed. 2d 67 (1994). However, the  
24 nonmoving party must make a “sufficient showing on an essential element of her case with respect

1 to which she has the burden of proof' to survive summary judgment. *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*,  
2 477 U.S. 317, 323, 106 S. Ct. 2548, 91 L. Ed. 2d 265 (1986).

3 **B. Analysis**

4 Jesness argues Bridges' convictions conclusively establish liability and that Bridges has  
5 essentially admitted to the conduct in his Answer. Dkt. #29 at 2. The Court agrees. Any person,  
6 while a minor, being a victim of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2423 shall recover actual damages  
7 such person sustains. 18 U.S.C.A. § 2255. Having pled guilty and been sentenced for violations  
8 of 18 U.S.C. § 2423, Bridges is unable to raise a genuine issue of material fact as to his liability  
9 to Jesness. Dkt. #29 at 3.

10 **III. CONCLUSION**

11 Having reviewed the relevant pleadings and the remainder of the record, the Court hereby  
12 finds and ORDERS that Plaintiff Jesness' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Dkt. #29) is  
13 GRANTED.

14 DATED this 28 day of October 2019.

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18 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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